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Subject: RE: SH Bell talking points

Mike,
Think this will work?

Sample results showed surface soil (the top 6 inches) in several yards contained manganese and lead above U.S. EPA's action level. The federal Agency uses a "removal management level," or RML, to evaluate the manganese pollution. The Agency set a RML of 5,500 mg/kg for manganese. For lead contamination EPA is targeting properties where surface lead levels are equal to or exceed 1,200 mg/kg and where sensitive populations reside. For this project, sensitive population is defined as pregnant women and children under seven. EPA will also evaluate removal actions in properties where children in the house have a blood lead level at or above a scientific measurement of 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter.

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Sampling late last year and this April showed that historical pollution had spread beyond the boundaries of the Federated Metals plant site. The soil on some properties was found to contain lead above EPA's designated level. In order to take early action at priority properties while the soil investigation continues, EPA will use its legal authority under the Superfund law to conduct what is called a "time-critical removal action." This will occur in the neighborhoods surrounding the former Federated Metals facility. In this first round of yard cleanup, EPA is targeting properties where surface lead levels are equal to or exceed 1,200 parts lead per million parts soil and sensitive population reside. For this project, sensitive population is defined as pregnant women and children under seven. EPA will also evaluate removal actions in properties where children in the house have a blood lead level at or above a scientific measurement of 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter.

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Rhiannon,

I took a stab at it based on the information we drafted in a recent fact sheet. Am open to suggestions/changes.

Sam/Brad, I did have one question. Do we know exactly how many yards are scheduled for cleanup?

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Hi there,

Hope you are all staying warm. I wanted to check in on the talking points and see if there is anything you need from me at this point. We are looking to have a final draft by COB Friday, so I would need a first cut by Friday morning or early afternoon.

Ed/Eileen, I know Katie S. and her group are working to update the EtO hot issue, but not sure about Watco.

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Cathy is going to reach out to Sens. Durbin and Duckworth next week to give a heads up about the upcoming cleanup at the SH Bell site. She would like some talking points for discussing the cleanup, and also for answering questions about other topics we think could come up. These include southeast Chicago manganese (SH Bell and Watco) and Illinois EtO emissions.

Could you ask the appropriate folks in your office to work with Rhiannon Dee and Eileen Deamer to pull something together? I know we've got a desk statement about the cleanup and I think briefing papers on the other topics have been pulled together recently, too.

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